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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **WAKI, Minoru et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1714

Serial No.: 09/916,316

Examiner: **Callie E. Shosho**

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For: **WATER-BASED INK COMPOSITION FOR INK-JET PRINTING, INK-JET
PRINTING METHOD USING THE SAME AND PRINTED MATTER**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -
GROUP ART UNIT 1714

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Commissioner for Patents
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May 17, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **February 19, 2004**, please amend the above-identified
application as follows: